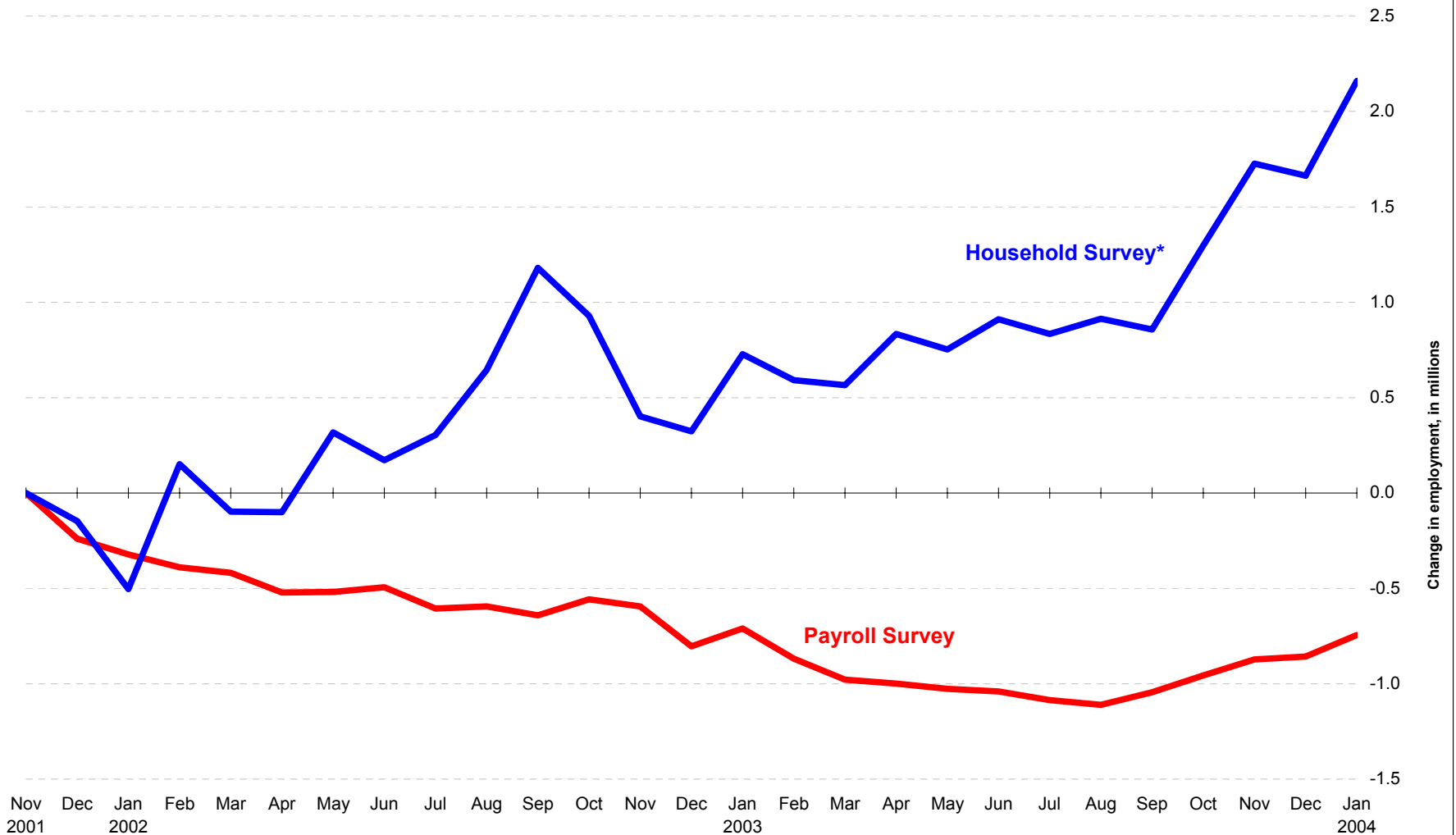


Has Employment Increased or Decreased Since Recession's End?

Two monthly surveys paint different pictures of U.S. employment



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

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